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WASHINGTON, D.C. UPDATE

Federal Fiscal Year 2008 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill

On June 28, 2007, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved a Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2008 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill (H.R. 2641), which funds Army Corps of Engineers civil works projects, including those of importance to the County's Departments of Public Works and Beaches and Harbors. The draft bill includes more overall discretionary spending ($32.3 billion) than the House bill under consideration ($31.6 billion) and $1.8 billion more than the President requested.

H.R. 2641 includes funding for the following projects of County interest:

- Los Angeles County Drainage Area Operation and Maintenance ($4,582,000);
- Marina del Rey South Entrance and Main Channel Dredging ($2,550,000); and
- Coast of California Sediment Master Plan ($450,000).

In addition, the Senate committee report included the Tujunga Wash Restoration Project on a list of funded projects for which the dollar amounts were not specified.

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The House tentatively approved H.R. 2641 on June 20, 2007 without including earmarks for individual projects. It postponed a vote on final passage until after earmarks for projects are added to the bill. The House Appropriations Committee is scheduled to consider individual project funding to add to the bill on July 12, 2007.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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